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MODEST GAINS REPORTED IN TECHNICAL DEMAND

The HIGH TECHNOLOGY RECRUITMENT INDEX moved up to 110 in April from a March level of 106. The current figure represents the highest reading for the HTRI, a 3-month running average, since February, 1986 when it stood at 116.

This slight gain was reported today by Marjorie Freedland, Senior Vice President for Research at Deutsch, Shea & Evans, the human resources advertising and research firm which has compiled the Index since 1961.

The single-month level for May rose impressively to 122 from 105 in April. However, Ms. Freedland cautioned, "We cannot assume this improvement will be sustained in the coming months. In recent years we have seen several instances in which temporary spurts in engineering demand have not withstood negative factors impacting the technical job market."

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The HTRI is based on the volume of recruitment advertising directed to engineers and scientists in major U.S. newspapers and technical journals each month.

HIGH TECHNOLOGY RECRUITMENT INDEX

(1961=100; Seasonally Adjusted)

Month	Single-Month Figure	High Technology Recruitment Index*
April, 1986	106	104
May	105	104
June	101	103
July	105	105
August	107	107
September	109	108
October	108	106
November	102	104
December	103	107
January, 1987	115	109
February	109	109
March	104	106
April	105	110
May	122	--

*Based on a 3-month running average

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